

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

dividing a storage medium into a plurality of logical zones, the storage medium having an inner diameter and an outer diameter, each logical zone extending radially from the inner diameter to the outer diameter; and

progressively writing data from a first stream of data to concentric tracks of the storage medium, each track being written from a first boundary of a first logical zone to a second boundary of the first logical zone, within ~~determined bounds~~ the boundaries of ~~the boundaries of~~ [[a]] ~~the first~~ logical zone of the plurality of logical zones ~~for up to an end of the first logical zone.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein dividing the storage medium into a plurality of logical zones comprises determining a number of logical zones based on ~~[[the]]~~ a rotational speed of the storage medium and an output data rate.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein dividing the storage medium into a plurality of logical zones comprises determining a number of logical zones based on a data transfer rate of ~~[[the]]~~ a data storage device and an expected output data rate supported by the data storage device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising recording an index for at least the beginning of the first logical zone.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising prior to writing data from a first stream of data to a first logical zone of the plurality of logical zones:

determining a current location on the storage medium;

determining whether the current location is a beginning of the first logical zone; and

responsive to determining that the current location is not the beginning of the first logical zone, waiting for the storage medium to rotate to the beginning of the first logical zone.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein writing data from a first stream of data to a first logical zone of the plurality of logical zones comprises writing data starting at an outer diameter of the storage medium and progressing toward an inner diameter of the storage medium.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising writing data from a second stream of data in a second logical zone of the plurality of logical zones for up to an end of the second logical zone.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a current location on the storage medium;

determining whether the current location is a beginning of the first logical zone, and responsive to determining that the current location is not the beginning of the first logical zone, waiting for the storage medium to rotate to the beginning of the first logical zone; and

reading the data from the first stream of data to the storage medium for up to an amount of time corresponding to a rotational speed of the storage medium and size of the first logical zone.

9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a rotating storage medium having an inner diameter and an outer diameter and being divided into a plurality of logical zones, each logical zone extending radially from the inner diameter to the outer diameter;

a read/write head positioned to access data on the storage medium, the read/write head progressively writing data from a first stream of data to concentric tracks of the storage medium, each track being written from a first boundary of a first local zone to a second boundary of the first logical zone, within determined bounds the boundaries of ~~[[a]]the~~ first logical zone of the plurality of logical zones ~~for up to an end of the first logical zone.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein a number of logical zones into which the rotating storage medium is divided is determined based on ~~[[the]]~~a rotational speed of the storage medium and an output data rate.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein a number of logical zones into which the rotating storage medium is divided is determined based on a data transfer rate of ~~[[the]]~~a data storage device and an expected output data rate supported by the data storage device.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:
recording an index recorded on the rotating storage medium for at least the beginning of the first logical zone.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein, prior to writing data from the first stream of data to the first logical zone of the plurality of logical zones, the

read/write head determines a current location of the read/write head is a beginning of the first logical zone and waits for the storage medium to rotate to the beginning of the first logical zone before writing, if the current location is not the beginning of the first logical zone.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the read/write head writes data starting at the outer diameter of the storage medium and progressing toward the inner diameter of the storage medium.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the read/write head further writes data from a second stream of data in a second logical zone of the plurality of logical zones for up to an end of the second logical zone.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the read/write head determines whether a current location of the read/write head is a beginning of the first logical zone; waits for the storage medium to rotate to the beginning of the first logical zone, if the current location is not the beginning of the first location zone; and reads the data from the first stream of data to the storage medium for up to an amount of time corresponding to a rotational speed of the storage medium and size of the first logical zone.

17. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having stored thereon a series of instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to interleave storage of data streams on a rotating storage medium of a data storage device by:

dividing the storage medium into a plurality of logical zones, the storage medium having an inner diameter and an outer diameter, each logical zone of the plurality of logical zones extending radially from an inner diameter of the storage medium to an outer diameter of the storage medium; and

progressively writing data from a first stream of data to concentric tracks of the storage medium, each track being written from a first boundary of a first logical zone to a second boundary of the first logical zone, within the boundaries of [[a]]the first logical zone of the plurality of logical zones for up to an end of the first logical zone.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein dividing the storage medium into a plurality of logical zones comprises determining a number of logical zones based on [[the]]a rotational speed of the storage medium and an output data rate.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein dividing the storage medium into a plurality of logical zones comprises determining a number of logical zones based on a data transfer rate of [[the]]a data storage device and an expected output data rate supported by the data storage device.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising recording an index for at least the beginning of the first logical zone.

21. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising prior to writing data from a first stream of data to a first logical zone of the plurality of logical zones:

- determining a current location on the storage medium;
- determining whether the current location is a beginning of the first logical zone; and
- responsive to determining that the current location is not the beginning of the first logical zone, waiting for the storage medium to rotate to the beginning of the first logical zone.

22. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein writing data from a first stream of data to a first logical zone of the plurality of logical zones comprises

writing data starting at an outer diameter of the storage medium and progressing toward an inner diameter of the storage medium.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising writing data from a second stream of data in a second logical zone of the plurality of logical zones for up to an end of the second logical zone.

24. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising:
determining a current location on the storage medium;
determining whether the current location is a beginning of the first logical zone, and responsive to determining that the current location is not the beginning of the first logical zone, waiting for the storage medium to rotate to the beginning of the first logical zone; and
reading the data from the first stream of data to the storage medium for up to an amount of time corresponding to a rotational speed of the storage medium and size of the first logical zone.